

Group Memory  
CTPAC  
Los Angeles Convention Center  
September 29, 2006

**Next Meeting dates**

**January 18, 2007... Sacramento, Ca**

**Bin List & Great Ideas**

**Group Decisions**

*All decisions made will be double underlined in the body of the notes below.*

1. (Date)

**Document Register**

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**Upshot**

These are the assignments made at the meeting. As new ones are added they will be appended to the list. As assignments are completed they will be lined out with a ~~strike through~~, but left on the list until the next meeting. This will provide a running record of assignments made at these meetings.

From July, 2005 meeting

80	Mike V	Suggest changes to the extra legal load permit policy guidelines discussed at the July meeting. Send to James	<del>8/15/05</del> April 27 2005  July 26, 2006
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From January 26, 2006

95	Vaughn	Develop a work group.  contact James and set up work group conference call before the September 29 meeting so we can have a work group meeting in conjunction with the Sept 29 <sup>th</sup> meeting. <del>mid-February</del> . Variance work group needs to meet with James (see discussion notes outline # 12)	<del>2/15/06</del> <del>2/15/06</del> <del>July 26,</del> <del>2006</del> Sept 29, 06
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From April 2006 meeting

99	James	Work with Anthony. Annuals – the Proposal and List should be responded to by June 6. (see discussion notes outline # 4)	<del>6/6/06</del> 8/28/06
102	James	Caltrans will be convening a meeting to discuss the what-ifs, with industry, related to TPMS roll-out; probably in mid-September. Develop the game plan on how to roll it out. (see discussion notes outline # 12)	09/01/06
103	<del>Aaron</del> James	Follow up on Aaron's item: Revised Manual posted on the web site with the agreed- to TPPM's. (see discussion notes outline # 9.3)	July 26, 06 8/28/06

From July 2006 meeting

104	Eric S	Convene meeting with CT to discuss the closure information quality issue. (see discussion notes outline # 8)	8/28/06
105	Eric	Update the work group rosters. (see discussion notes outline # 3)	8/5/06
106	James	Follow up on Caltrans participation with CT PAC (see discussion notes outline # 3)	8/15/06
107	Aaron	Draft Policy sent out to Eric S to send out for review, on weight transfer methodology. (see discussion notes outline # 9)	Aug 28, 2006
108	Eric and Mike V	identify industry concerns about not having parallel system during implementation, and send the information to Caltrans, so Caltrans will be able to respond at the September meeting (see upshot # 102) and (see discussion notes outline # 14.7)	Aug 15, 2006

From September 2006 meeting

109	Bob S	Send a request to James on making the manual changes easier to see, and compare to the old text of the manuals as changes are made. (see discussion notes outline # 9.3)	
110	James Anderson	Clarify CT PAC role relating to manual – they are to clarify and incorporate policy, not write new policy. (see discussion notes outline # 9.3)	

**Critique from July 26, 2006 meeting:**

What went well	What Needs Improvement
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CHP both divisions here. Lunch Good dialog On time.	FHWA to the meeting? More participation from CT in work groups and in this meeting.
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**Critique from September 2006. meeting: None done.**

What went well	What Needs Improvement
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Caltrans Transportation Permits Advisory Council (CT PAC)

Purpose:

The purpose of the Caltrans Transporter Permit Advisory Council (CTPAC) is to provide a forum for government and industry viewpoints on State transportation permitting policies and procedures. Both Caltrans and industry believe that this is an effective way of understanding and improving the permit process. CTPAC representatives use council and steering committee meetings to update their members on changes and help resolve permit related issues.

1. Ground rules:
  1. 1. Begin and end on time
  1. 2. No side conversation
  1. 3. Pagers and cell phones to stun.
  1. 4. Raise your hand when you want to talk;
  1. 5. Speak up; silence is consent.
2. Opening Comments
  2. 1. Work group leaders will identify themselves and give you a status report today. Feel free to contact them if you are interested in participating in their groups.
  2. 2. Letter and response from CTA to Caltrans on roll out of new permits system was distributed.
  2. 3. Caltrans update from James Anderson – His phone number is 916-654-5548.
    2. 3. 1. Division of Traffic Operations has acting Division Chief, and is expecting an announcement on the new Division Chief very soon.
    2. 3. 2. CT PAC / Caltrans processes - Bob Hartman will be helping to move the proposals progressing within Caltrans, and reports directly to James Anderson. He worked for CHP for thirty years and is retired from there.
  2. 4. Last year 4 policies were approved.

3. Crane Group /Mike Vlaming
  3. 1. Load transfer issue – This issue needs to be moved ahead by Caltrans – Anthony has been assigned to work with it.
  3. 2. 60,000 lbs per crane issue – has been sent to the Crane group and is pending their review.
4. Annuals / Matt Klenske
  4. 1. Caltrans has agreed to issue Tridem fixed load annuals for 60,000 pound loads.
  4. 2. 7,8,9 axle proposal still on hold. Annual permits for this look promising – this is 12% of current annuals. Caltrans is looking at this.
  4. 3. Review of requirement for Original Annual Permit also on hold – pending TPMS implementation.
  4. 4. Caltrans WIMS (weigh in motion system) could be used to read annual permits on transponders.
5. Dual Lane Loading / Vaughn Goodfellow
  5. 1. Revised Appendix 15 for percentage of additional bonus weight based on the weight of the transporter is moving forward. Caltrans is planning to issue a policy statement to notify the permit writers and others of the change.
6. Tridem / Vaughn Goodfellow, Doug Murray
  6. 1. Proposal has been mostly completed – still discussing a request by industry on multiple combination vehicle that has three or more Tridem groups in it: is there an opportunity to share the gross weight equally between them? The work group has not had a chance to address this properly because it has been “hypothetical” discussion.
  6. 2. Will be working on greater implementation of tridems in the future.
7. Variance/ Vaughn Goodfellow
  7. 1. Proposal for Escorting on three or more on yellow routes, would limit CHP involvement for shorter loads that are sometimes difficult to staff – This is on hold until the work group can get more input from CHP.
8. Fixed Loads WG – Greg Dineen
  8. 1. Max chart weight – scale weight plus 700 pounds or 2%, which ever is greater - - is what is used now – Eliminating the fixed load status would help resolve the issue with TPMS.
9. Status of Development of Transportation Permits Manual – Chapter 3 / Bob Shepard
  9. 1. Group has met and conferred and identified policies they have concerns with – Work group will be putting this in writing and transmitting this to Caltrans.
  9. 2. Right now the process for review is made difficult in terms of understanding the changes – It would be better if they were side-by-side so the changes could be understood – maybe using underline and strikethrough for the changes. Like the “track changes” feature in Microsoft Word.

9. 3. Outcome:

- 9. 3. 1. Bob S will ask Caltrans to begin using some software to identify the changes so they are easier to see for the reviewers. (see upshot # 109)
- 9. 3. 2. Clarification of CT PAC role on responsibility as it relates to new policy changes. They should not be writing new policy; only clarifying existing policy. (see upshot # 110)

10. TPMS Update/Bill Saunders

- 10. 1. Bentley has released a new design and are busy testing it – they are unable to be here today.
- 10. 2. Very doubtful that TPMS will come out this fall on time – the contractor is behind time on their schedule.
- 10. 3. Pilot program is 6 weeks.
- 10. 4. Industry concern regarding not being included in this process at all, or only minimally – considering we are the customer and end user, we should be more involved. Industry wants involvement in the development.
- 10. 5. Caltrans has a plan to train three hundred industry representatives, make CD tutorials available, and have a live help desk to answer questions.
- 10. 6. Industry concern is that roll out of TPMS is uncertain and there are many proposals that have been tabled pending TPMS implementation. The indefinite status of TPMS seems to be holding everything up.
- 10. 7. Caltrans says if they can implement and continue CT PAC proposals after TPMS is implemented then Caltrans should implement the proposals. Things pending TPMS that would change the design specification for the contractor, Caltrans should hold off until Bentley delivers.
- 10. 8. Industry is concerned about the time it takes to get a paper permit – It takes 24 hours to get a paper permit. This is a big problem. Caltrans says if you are not getting your permits from STARS you need to contact the regional manager involved.
- 10. 9. Customer service is poor in the permits offices. Hours of operation, turn around time. Industry never knows what to expect. Performance is erratic. We need consistency.
- 10. 10. Outcome:
  - 10. 10. 1. Industry needs to get problems with permits to the regional managers.

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